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1. The motor-car factory in Zeran, near Warsaw, has two buildings, each occupying an area of approximately 150 by 150 yards. The front part of the building to the left of the entrance has three stories and houses the administrative offices of the factory. The plant was originally built according to the plans but following the refusal to supply the promised equipment, it was decided to bring equipment from the USSR.
2. Most of the engineers and technicians received their training in the Soviet Union, while the workers receive practical and theoretical training in the course of their work in the factory. The present operation of the factory is far from efficient; there is a lack of coordination between the various departments, with the result that one section must sometimes stay idle owing to delays in other sections. The production halls are extremely crowded with cars and equipment.
3. Because of the fact that garage space in Poland is very limited and most of the cars will have to be parked in the open air, exposed to the severe climatic conditions, the cars are painted five times.
4. According to the official version, the production capacity of the factory is 25,000 cars per year of 300 working days. The factory operates at present in two shifts and has an output of 20 cars per day.
5. There is a fairly large number of factory guards in the compound and severe security measures are enforced in the production halls, especially during visits of persons not on the factory staff. The factory has also a fire-brigade detachment permanently stationed on the premises.

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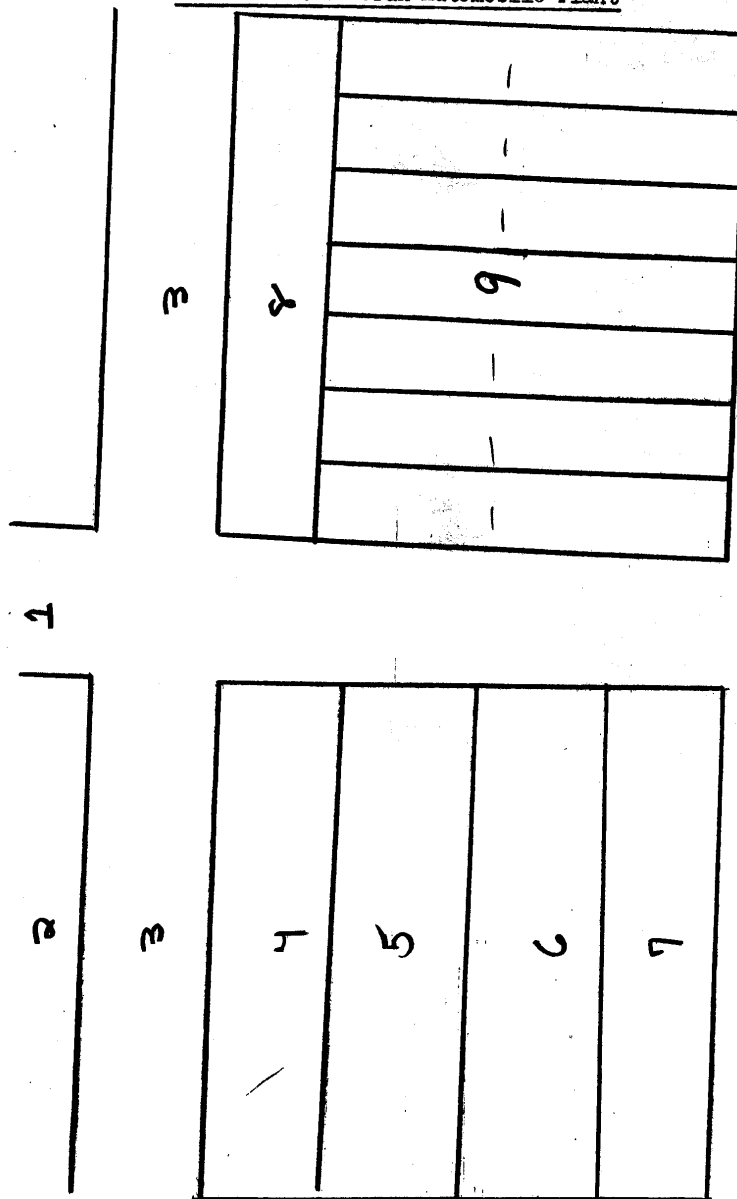
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Sketch of the Zeran Automobile PlantLegend:

1. Entrance to the factory.
2. Open-air parking lot for finished cars.
3. Road in the factory area.
4. Assembly plant.
5. Painting shop.
6. & 7. Machine halls.
8. Ground floor: engine assembly.
Second and third floor: administration.
9. Foundry and other departments.

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